



MINUTES

Regular Commission Meeting
The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Charles Reiffel Room
11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla CA 92037
Friday, January 18, 2008

Commissioners Present

Colette Carson-Royston, Chair	Dea Hurston
Claire Anderson	Lewis Klein
Garet Clark	Aida Mancillas
Courtney Ann Coyle	Judy McDonald
Tom Di Zinno	Bennett Peji
Joyce Gattas	Victoria Reed
Robert Gleason	Randy Robbins
	Lorin Stewart

Commissioners Absent

Chair Colette Carson Royston called the regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) to order at 8:40 a.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Colette Carson Royston welcomed Commission members, staff and guests to the meeting. Colette thanked Robert Gleason for hosting the meeting. She added a Diversity Initiative Committee meeting update to the agenda.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Approval of Minutes

A **made a motion was made** to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2007 regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture.

The motion carried.

B. Announcements

1. February Commission Meeting - Chair Colette Carson Royston reported that the Commission meeting for February 2008 has been rescheduled for February 22, 2008.

C. Committee Assignments

Colette reported that the committee assignments will be distributed to Commissioners after the meeting.

D. Mayor's State of the City Address

Colette thanked the Commissioners who were able to attend the Mayor's State of the City Address on January 10, 2008. She said the address was well represented by the arts and culture community.

Colette congratulated Dea and Osborn Hurston for being honored with the Patté Theater Angel Award at the Patté Awards ceremony held on January 14, 2008.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

1. CCSD Update - Victoria Hamilton reported that the Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) panel comments have been sent out to the various non-profit arts and culture organizations that applied for Fiscal Year 2009 funding.

2. Emergency Relief Fund - Victoria announced that Americans for the Arts has authorized \$20,000 in relief funding for arts and culture victims of the recent San Diego fires. The Commission, in partnership with the San Diego Foundation, will survey artists and arts and culture organizations and administer the regranting of funds.

B. California Data Project Presentation – Barbara Lippman

Victoria introduced Barbara Lippman, Culture Data Project Director for the PEW Charitable Trusts, who gave a powerpoint presentation of the California Data Project, a project the Commission will be participating in this year.

IV. PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

Randy Robbins reported that Commission staff is coordinating a meeting of the Southern California Public Art Coalition to be held on March 14, 2008. He said that the Port of San Diego staff will provide one hour art tours as part of the day's agenda and that Commissioners are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the new downtown Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego Jacobs building.

Randy called on Courtney Ann Coyle to give Port-related public art updates. Courtney reported that as an outcome to the Port's public art workshop in November, three Port Commissioners (Steve Cushman, Rocky Spane and Mike Bixler) were appointed as an adhoc committee to review the Port's public art funding methods. She also reported that Mike Bixler was sworn in as the Port's board chair and in his swearing-in speech said that he will be asking the Board of Port Commissioners to take a leadership role in organizing a project to light the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge.

V. VISIBILITY UPDATE

Claire Anderson reported on the Chamber's Arts, Business & Culture (ABC) Committee's strategy for 2008 including discussion about the Tourist Marketing District (TMD) process, the Mayoral/City Council upcoming elections, benefits of Chamber membership to art and culture organizations and redefining the process for the Chamber ABC Awards.

Claire asked Gary Margolis to give a brief update on the process for Commissioners selecting and making “good will” visits to arts and culture organizations/events.

VI. ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Joyce Gattas reported that the Advocacy Advisory Committee met on January 7, 2008. Joyce gave a brief update on the discussion around perspective Mayoral/City Council candidates and future funding for arts and culture organizations. She said that the committee is looking at the Commission’s 20th Anniversary celebration as a platform for their advocacy efforts.

Dea Hurston congratulated Joyce Gattas for being honored as a “Women of Dedication for 2008” by the Salvation Army’s Women’s Auxiliary. Dea said that Joyce will be honored on April 1, 2008 at a luncheon at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego.

VII. DIVERSITY INITIATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Lew Klein gave an update on the planning for the next Diversity workshop which will include a performance by Mo`olelo Performing Arts Company of “Permanent Collections”, a play that offers an opportunity for the arts and culture community to have a dialogue about diversity, using the play as a point of reference to become engaged on the issues.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made by:

1. Ian Campbell, San Diego Opera.
2. Bob Swanson, San Diego Automotive Museum.
3. Robert Gleason on behalf of Lou Spisto, The Old Globe Theatre.

IX. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING

Chair Colette Carson Royston adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

GUESTS:

Ian Campbell
Bob Swanson
Lou Spisto
Rebecca Rader
Todd Schultz